FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS/Anti-Terrorism Cooperation

SUBJECT: Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1997...
H.R. 3540. McCain modified amendment No. 5017.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 96-0

SYNOPSIS: As reported, H.R. 3540, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1997, will provide \$12.22 billion in new budget authority for foreign aid programs in fiscal year (FY) 1997. This amount is \$707.3 million below the President's request, \$161.6 million below the FY 1996 appropriated amount, and \$298.8 million more than the House-passed amount.

The McCain modified amendment would require the Secretary of State, in his annual report to Congress on global terrorism, to provide information on the extent to which the United States was provided help from each country from which the United States had sought help within the last 5 years in preventing, investigating, or prosecuting terrorist attacks against United States citizens or interests. The Secretary could provide that information in a classified form for a country if he determined that doing so would make the cooperation of that country more likely. (Prior to being modified, the amendment would have required a certification by the Secretary for a country as to whether it was fully cooperating).

Those favoring the amendment contended:

As part of his annual report on terrorism, the Secretary of State is already required by law to report on the counter-terrorism efforts of countries in which major international terrorist attacks occur and on the response of their judicial systems to matters relating to terrorism against American citizens and facilities. We believe it would be very useful to add to this report information on how foreign governments respond to United States requests for cooperation in investigating and preventing terrorist attacks against Americans. International terrorism is a global problem that must be addressed by the joint efforts of all civilized states. If the United States seeks the cooperation of other countries in pursuing terrorists, then we believe that Congress and the American people have a right to know

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if that cooperation is given. That information can and should be considered when deciding such matters as whether foreign assistance should be given, defense exports should be permitted, or trade agreements should be entered into. The McCain amendment would require the Administration to provide Congress and the American people the information they need on whether or not countries are cooperating with anti-terrorism efforts. We urge the adoption of this amendment.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.